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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/686,997	Applicant(s) KIM, HYESOOK	
	Examiner Gary C. Hoge	Art Unit 3611	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Claim 9 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the replies filed on March 14, 2005 and July 6, 2005.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-8, 10, 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glover (2002/0116845) in view of Beavers et al. (5,842,179).

Glover discloses a marked grid including specific locations **16** and a spreadsheet **22** including designations relating to the locations on the marked grid, such that each of the designations includes details regarding items located in each of the locations. However, the locations on the grid are identified by number, rather than by row and column. Beavers teaches that it was known in the art to identify locations in a grid by row and column (see Fig. 6). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to identify the locations on the grid (and on the corresponding spreadsheet) disclosed by Glover by row and column, as taught by Beavers, in order to avoid ambiguity about where the sequence of numbers identifying the locations begins.

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Regarding claims 2 and 3, see paragraph 0016.

Regarding claims 4 and 5, the spreadsheet disclosed by Glover does not have grids that correspond to the marked grid, but the Examiner takes official notice that such an arrangement is well known. A commonly known example would be the spreadsheet that appears on the inside of the lid of a box of Whitman's chocolates. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the spreadsheet disclosed by Glover correspond to the marked grid, in order to facilitate visual correlation of the items with their location within the grid. Further, it is well known to use a printer to print out a hard copy of a computer spreadsheet.

Regarding claim 6, see Fig. 6 of Beavers.

Regarding claim 10, storage container 12 fits the dictionary definition of a "rack."

Regarding claim 18, see paragraph 0018.

3. Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glover (2002/0116845) in view of Beavers et al. (5,842,179), as applied to claim 1, above, and further in view of MacWilliams et al. (6,352,286).

Glover discloses the invention substantially as claimed, as set forth above. However, the indicia on the grid and the spreadsheet does not include a barcode. MacWilliams teaches that it was known in the art to include a barcode along with other identifying indicia, in order to make the indicia machine-readable. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a barcode along with the other indicia disclosed by Glover, as taught by MacWilliams, in order to make the indicia machine-readable.

Regarding claim 13, a hard-copy of the spreadsheet printed on a piece of paper will have length and width, and is therefore two-dimensional.

***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

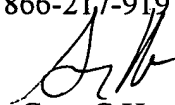
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C. Hoge whose telephone number is (571) 272-6645. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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